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Islam. That the new state is an accomplished fact is proved documentarily by postage stamps, cuts of which are here reproduced.

The legend at the top of each reads: *barîd hijâzî,* 'Hijâz Post': in the center field is read *makkat al-mukarramat,* 'Mecca the Honorable.' At the bottom is given the denomination, quarter-qursh, half-qursh, and full qursh (*ṣâgh,* 'at par'). Qursh is the native Arabic word for the Turkish piastre. Further the Hijra date 1334 is given. The respective colors are green, red, and blue. The stamps are beautifully designed and executed.

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PERSONALIA

The death is reported of Dr. Robert Gauthier, Adjunct Director in the École des Hautes Études, Paris, at the age of 40 years. He died Sept. 11, 1916, from wounds received in action as a captain of infantry. An Iranian philologist, he was particularly known for his labors in the decipherment of the Soghdian dialect. He has left his family in distress, and a committee has been formed to aid them, the American section of which is presided over by Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, Chicago.

Prof. Rudolph E. Bruennow, Assyriologist and Arabist, Professor at Princeton University, died April 14, 1917. He became a member of this Society in 1911.

Prof. A. T. Olmstead, of the University of Missouri and Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Branch of this Society, has accepted a professorship in History at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., the appointment to go into effect with the next academic year.